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SUMMARY: ROME GENEVA GROUP COULD NOT ARRIVE AT INDICATIVE
TARGET FIGURE FOR FAO 1978-79 BUDGET. MEMBERS DID REACH CON-
SENSUS ON EARLY GENERAL APPROACH TO DIRECTOR-GENERAL ON BUD-
GETARY RESTRAINT AND AGREED TO SEEK FURTHER, MORE EXPLICIT
INSTRUCTIONS FROM CAPITALS. END SUMMARY.

1. GENEVA GROUP OF ROME MET OCTOBER 21 TO CONSIDER RESPONSES
FROM CAPITALS TO GROUP'S SUGGESTION THAT GROUP AGREE ON EARLY
INDICATIVE BUDGET FIGURE FOR FAO FOR AN EARLY APPROACH TO
DIRECTOR-GENERAL. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO TRADITION, GROUP
FIRST HEARD FROM GENEVA GROUP MEMBERS OF PROGRAM AND FINANCE
COMMITTEES, SEPTEL.

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2. U.S. CHAIRMAN OF MEETING STARTED SUBJECT BY REFERRING TO

OCTOBER 5 GENEVA GROUP ROME DECISION TO SEEK EARLY GENEVA GROUP AGREEMENT ON INDICATIVE FAO BUDGET FIGURE FOR 1978/79. THIS WAS SUPPORTED BY DECISION OF GENEVA GROUP CONSULTATIVE LEVEL MEETING IN NEW YORK ON OCTOBER 6 TO USE MACRO APPROACH AND AGAIN BY THE OCTOBER 13 MEETING OF THE GENEVA GROUP IN GENEVA. CHAIRMAN ALSO DISTRIBUTED GENEVA GROUP'S DRAFT PAPER (REFTEL B), CAREFULLY EXPLAINING ITS STATUS AND EXPECTED REVISION BY OCTOBER 22 GENEVA GROUP MEETING. CHAIRMAN THEN WENT AROUND GROUP FOR NATIONAL CAPITAL RESPONSE. BRIEF SUMMARY OF POSITIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(A) CANADA - COULD NOT ARRIVE AT ANTICIPATED BUDGET FIGURE AT THIS TIME, BUT AGREES WITH GENEVA GROUP APPROACH TO DIRECTOR-GENERAL EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER BUDGET INCREASES.

(B) NEW ZEALAND - OBSERVER - DOESN'T WISH TO GIVE BUDGET FIGURE OR PARTICIPATE IN JOINT APPROACH TO DIRECTOR-GENERAL.

(C) NETHERLANDS - GENEVA GROUP SHOULD NOT TAKE INITIATIVE, BUT SHOULD RESPOND TO FAO SECRETARIAT. NEED LONG TERM GROWTH PLANS WHICH WILL TAKE MORE STUDY AND CONSULTATION. HIS GOVERNMENT DID NOT LIKE GENEVA GROUP GENEVA OCTOBER 13 DECISIONS.

(D) SWITZERLAND - CONFUSED RESPONSE FROM DIFFERENT AGENCIES, BUT IN REAL TERMS NO INCREASE OF FAO BUDGET OF OVER 8 PERCENT. LIMIT TCP TO 12 PERCENT OF OVERALL FAO BUDGET, BUT NEED TO EVALUATE EXPERIENCE WITH TCP.

(E) BELGIUM - ALSO CONCERNED OVER BUDGET INCREASES, THOUGH NO FIGURE SET. APPROVES NEW YORK DECISIONS AND IDEA OF JOINT APPROACH TO DIRECTOR-GENERAL AS LONG AS IT NOT A THREAT.

(F) FRANCE - WANTS EARLY DEMARCHE TO DIRECTOR-GENERAL BEFORE BUDGET IS FIXED. HARMONIZE GENEVA GROUP APPROACH. ANY INCREASE SHOULD NOT EXCEED 10 PERCENT. TCP SHOULD BE LIMITED TO EMERGENCIES AND EXPENSES OF FAO COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD BE MET BY SAVINGS ELSEWHERE.

(G) ITALY - SHARES CONCERN, BUT NOT POSSIBLE TO SET TARGET.
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GENEVA GROUP CO-CHAIRMEN SHOULD CONTACT DIRECTOR-GENERAL TO EXPRESS CONCERN.

(H) SWEDEN - DOESN'T OBJECT TO GENEVA GROUP APPROACH TO DIRECTOR-GENERAL, BUT CANNOT BE INCLUDED. SEEKS DEEPENING DIALOGUE WITH DIRECTOR-GENERAL BUT NEEDS SUPPORT OF OTHER COUNTRIES.

(I) AUSTRALIA - GAVE OUT PAPER - SEPTTEL - WHICH SETS FORTH POLITE, FIRM APPROACH TO DIRECTOR-GENERAL EXPRESSING CONCERN

OVER BUDGETARY INCREASES AND LOOKING FOR DIALOGUE.

(J) JAPAN - HAS NO OBJECTION TO APPROACH TO DIRECTOR-GENERAL, BUT HAS NO SPECIFIC FIGURE TO SUGGEST. ANY FAO BUDGET INCREASE SHOULD BE MODERATE. TCP SHOULD BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY AND IS STILL EXPERIMENTAL.

(K) GERMANY - (NOT PRESENT FOR DISCUSSION BUT CALLED IN POSITION.) COULD NOT ARRIVE AT TARGET FIGURE BUT AGREES WITH STRONGEST POSSIBLE, UNIFIED GENEVA GROUP APPROACH TO DIRECTOR-GENERAL. VERY CONCERNED OVER BUDGET INCREASES.

(L) UNITED KINGDOM - SEEKS MEETING WITH DIRECTOR-GENERAL ASAP, BUT NOT WITH INDICATIVE FIGURE. ANY REAL GROWTH IN FAO BUDGET IS DIFFICULT AND OPTIMUM GOAL WOULD BE ZERO GROWTH. FUNDS FOR TCP AND COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD BE OBTAINED FROM SAVINGS ELSEWHERE.

(M) UNITED STATES - SUMMARIZED REFTELS C AND D AND SUPPORTED OCTOBER 6 NEW YORK DECISION ALTHOUGH USG COULD NOT AT THIS TIME ARRIVE AT INDICATIVE TARGET FIGURE. EMPHASIZED CONCERN OVER BUDGET GROWTH, NEED FOR GENEVA GROUP COLLABORATION AND EARLY APPROACH BY GENEVA GROUP TO DIRECTOR-GENERAL WITH AIM OF CREATING DIALOGUE AND BUDGETARY RESTRAINT. ALSO NOTED NEED TO EVALUATE TCP PROGRAM AND THEREFORE IT SHOULD BE DISTINGUISHED FROM REGULAR BUDGET.

3. CHAIRMAN THEN SUMMARIZED MEETING WHICH GAINED APPROVAL OF MEMBERS, AS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT ON GENEVA GROUP CONCERN OVER BUDGET INCREASES BE DISCUSSED WITH DIRECTOR-GENERAL AT EARLY DATE. INDICATIVE TARGET FIGURE WAS HARD TO ARRIVE AT, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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BUT FIGURES COULD BE ARRIVED AT IN DEEPENING DIALOGUE WITH DIRECTOR-GENERAL.

4. MEMBERS AGREED, (1) TO GO BACK TO CAPITALS ON CONFLICTING MANDATES FROM GENEVA GROUPS AND CAPITALS ON DESIRABILITY OF EARLY APPROACH TO DIRECTOR-GENERAL WITH INDICATIVE TARGET FIGURE FOR FAO BUDGET 1978/79, (2) TO SEE IF THERE WAS AGREEMENT ON EARLY APPROACH TO DIRECTOR-GENERAL ALONG LINES OF GENEVA GROUP DRAFT PAPER AS POSSIBLY REVISED, AND (3) TO ASK IF APPROACH TO DIRECTOR-GENERAL SHOULD BE BY GENEVA GROUP EN MASSE, INDIVIDUALLY OR BY CO-CHAIRMEN. GENEVA GROUP ROME WILL MEET AGAIN NOVEMBER 3 WITH CAPITALS RESPONSES TO THESE QUESTIONS. FURTHER SCHEDULE WOULD FORESEE A FINAL MEETING A WEEK LATER JUST BEFORE SEEING DIRECTOR-GENERAL BY MID-NOVEMBER.

5. THERE WAS NO SUPPORT FOR U.S. IDEA OF REQUESTING FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL NOT TO FOLLOW COUNCIL DECISIONS THAT HE GIVE AN EARLY INDICATION OF SIZE OF FAO 1978/79 BUDGET. MANY GENEVA

GROUP COUNTRIES DO CONSIDER TCP APART AND DISTINCT FROM REGULAR
FAO BUDGET. SOME COUNTRIES CONSIDER IT AN EXPERIMENTAL PRO-
GRAM, SOME WISH TO SEE IT IN ACTION AND EVALUATE IT, AND SOME
HOPE IT WILL BE TERMINATED.

6. UK SAID THEY HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY CHINESE WHO WERE
AGAINST ANY FAO BUDGET FIGURE INCREASE. THE CHINESE WILL KEEP
IN TOUCH WITH THE UK ON THIS MATTER. VOLPE

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